

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

1. (Currently Amended) A display device capable of displaying a text containing a predetermined kind of character, and a registered image inserted in the text simultaneously, comprising:

a first storage portion for storing beforehand a character code for specifying each of said predetermined kind of character;

a second storage portion for storing an image code for specifying said registered image and registered image data corresponding to said image code in a correlated manner, said registered image being generated by a user;

a display output portion for outputting said predetermined kind of character ~~kind of~~ and said registered image; and

a display control portion for causing said display output portion to output corresponding said predetermined kind of character and said registered image both belonging to an identical sentence based on display data containing a series of said character code, text attribute data, and said image code, said display control portion having image transforming means for transforming said registered image to be displayed according to said text attribute data, so that said registered image is sandwiched between two parts of said text of said predetermined kind of character in a line of said identical sentence, wherein

said text attribute data contains size attribute data indicating a character size of said text, and

said image transforming means that scales up/down said registered image in accordance with said size attribute data, so that a size of said registered image matches said character size of said text sandwiching said registered image.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Previously Presented) The display device according to claim 1, wherein  
    said text attribute data contains color attribute data indicating at least a fore color of a  
    corresponding predetermined kind of character, and

    said image transforming means converts a color of said registered image according to  
    said color attribute data.

4. (Previously Presented) The display device according to claim 3, wherein when  
    said registered image is a gray image, said image transforming means converts each pixel of said  
    registered image into a color made by mixing the fore color and a back color at a ratio according  
    to a pixel value of said predetermined kind of character.

5. (Previously Presented) The display device according to claim 1, wherein  
    said text attribute data contains decoration attribute data indicating a type of a decoration  
    applied to a corresponding predetermined kind of character, and  
    said image transforming means decorates said registered image according to said  
    decoration attribute data.

6. (Currently Amended) A display method for displaying a text containing a predetermined kind of character, and a registered image inserted in the text simultaneously, comprising:

storing an image code for specifying said registered image and registered image data corresponding to said image code, said registered image being generated by a user and stored in a storage portion different from a storage portion for storing the predetermined kind of character;

with respect to display data containing a series of a character code, text attribute data, and said image code, transforming said registered image to be displayed according to said text attribute data; and

displaying said predetermined kind of character and said registered image simultaneously based on said transformed registered image, so that said registered image is sandwiched between two parts of said text of said predetermined kind of character in a line of said identical sentence, wherein

said text attribute data contains size attribute data indicating a character size of said text, and

said transforming step includes scaling image transforming means that scales up/down said registered image in accordance with said size attribute data, so that a size of said registered image matches said character size of said text sandwiching said registered image.

7. (Currently Amended) A viewer program for displaying a text containing a predetermined kind of character, and a registered image inserted in the text simultaneously, causing a computer to perform the steps of:

storing an image code for specifying said registered image and registered image data corresponding to said image code, said registered image being generated by a user and stored in a storage portion different from a storage portion for storing the predetermined kind of character;

with respect to display data containing a series of a character code, text attribute data, and said image code, transforming said registered image to be displayed according to said text attribute data; and

displaying said predetermined kind of character and said registered image simultaneously based on said transformed registered image, so that said registered image is sandwiched between two parts of said text of said predetermined kind of character in a line of said identical sentence, wherein

said text attribute data contains size attribute data indicating a character size of said text, and

said transforming step include scaling image transforming means that scales up/down  
said registered image in accordance with said size attribute data, so that a size of said registered  
image matches said character size of said text sandwiching said registered image.

8. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable recording medium having a viewer program recorded thereon for displaying a text containing a predetermined kind of character, and a registered image inserted in the text simultaneously, said viewer program causing a computer to perform the steps of:

storing an image code for specifying said registered image and registered image data corresponding to said image code, said registered image being generated by a user and stored in a storage portion different from a storage portion for storing the predetermined kind of character;

with respect to display data containing a series of a character code, text attribute data, and said image code, transforming said registered image to be displayed according to said text attribute data; and

displaying said predetermined kind of character and said registered image simultaneously based on said transformed registered image, so that said registered image is sandwiched between two parts of said text of said predetermined kind of character in a line of said identical sentence, wherein

said text attribute data contains size attribute data indicating a character size of said text, and

said transforming step includes scaling image transforming means that scales up/down said registered image in accordance with said size attribute data, so that a size of said registered image matches said character size of said text sandwiching said registered image.

9. (Previously Presented) The display device according to claim 5, wherein said image transforming means includes image decoration means for decorating said registered image to provide continuous decoration to both said registered image and neighboring predetermined kind of characters adjacent to said registered image according to said decoration attribute data.

10. (Previously Presented) The display device according to claim 9, wherein said image decoration means decorates said registered image, such that both said registered image and said neighboring predetermined kind of characters show the said fore and back colors continuously.

11. (Previously Presented) The display device according to claim 9, wherein said image decoration means decorates said registered image to draw a continuous underline below both said registered image and said neighboring predetermined kind of characters.

12. (Previously Presented) The display device according to claim 9, wherein said image decoration means decorates said registered image to draw a continuous cancel line on both said registered image and said neighboring predetermined kind of characters.

13. (Previously Presented) The display device according to claim 1, wherein the first storage portion is a ROM, and

the second storage portion is a RAM.

14. (Previously Presented) The display device according to claim 1, wherein the text containing the predetermined kind of character and the registered image is used in a Hyper Text Markup Language document.

15. (Previously Presented) The display method according to claim 6, wherein the text containing the predetermined kind of character and the registered image is used in a Hyper Text Markup Language document.

16. (Previously Presented) The viewer program according to claim 7, wherein the text containing the predetermined kind of character and the registered image is used in a Hyper Text Markup Language document.

18. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable recording medium according to claim 8 wherein the text containing the predetermined kind of character and the registered image is used in a Hyper Text Markup Language document.